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HEREWITH INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL:

PUBLIC LAW 94-350, SIGNED JULY 12, 1976, SEC. 302 (A)
SECTION 3 (B) OF THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
ACT OF 1973 IS AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE
FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION:

"(C) THE BOARD MAY, TO THE EXTENT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO
CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT, PROCURE SUPPLIES,
SERVICES, AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT."

SECTION 403 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 1977, THE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBMIT
TO THE CONGRESS A REPORT -

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(1) RECOMMENDING STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO UTILIZE MORE

EFFECTIVELY THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, BOTH EXISTING AND PLANNED, OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT;

(2) EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF GREATER COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO INSURE MUTUALLY EFFICIENT USE OF NATIONALLY OWNED AND NATIONALLY FUNDED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING;

(3) CONTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF PROJECTED NEEDS FOR UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS BASED ON ANTICIPATED LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND ANTICIPATED COOPERATION AMONG VARIOUS AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING; AND

(4) RECOMMENDING STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO EXTEND BROADCASTING OPERATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ACT OF 1973 TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WHERE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED BY THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF SUCH COUNTRIES."
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